

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (New) A detergent and conditioning cosmetic hair composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium:

(A) a washing base and

(B) at least one liquid ester obtained by reacting at least one (C₄-C₆) carboxylic acid with at least one (C₁₂-C₂₆) alcohol.

15. (New) A composition according to claim 14, wherein said washing base comprises at least one surfactant chosen from anionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, and nonionic surfactants.

16. (New) A composition according to claim 14, wherein said washing base is present in an amount ranging from 4% to 50% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

17. (New) A composition according to claim 16, wherein said washing base is present in an amount ranging from 6% to 35% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

18. (New) A composition according to claim 17, wherein said washing base is present in an amount ranging from 8% to 25% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

19. (New) A detergent and conditioning cosmetic hair composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium:

- (A) a washing base and
- (B) at least one liquid ester chosen from esters of formula (I):



wherein:

- R_1 is chosen from a branched (C_3-C_5) hydrocarbon-based group, a monohydroxylated branched (C_3-C_5) hydrocarbon-based group, and a polyhydroxylated branched (C_3-C_5) hydrocarbon-based group, and
- R_2 is chosen from a linear ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) hydrocarbon-based group, a branched ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) hydrocarbon-based group, a monohydroxylated linear ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) hydrocarbon-based group, a monohydroxylated branched ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) hydrocarbon-based group, a polyhydroxylated linear ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) hydrocarbon-based group, and a polyhydroxylated branched ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) hydrocarbon-based group.

20. (New) A composition according to claim 19, wherein said R_1 is chosen from a branched (C_3-C_5) alkyl group, a monohydroxylated branched (C_3-C_5) alkyl group, and a polyhydroxylated branched (C_3-C_5) alkyl group, and said R_2 is chosen from a linear ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) alkyl group, a branched ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) alkyl group, a monohydroxylated linear ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) alkyl group, a monohydroxylated branched ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) alkyl group, a polyhydroxylated linear ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) alkyl group, and a polyhydroxylated branched ($C_{12}-C_{26}$) alkyl group.

21. (New) A composition according to claim 20, wherein said R₂ is chosen from a branched (C₁₂-C₂₆) alkyl group, a monohydroxylated branched (C₁₂-C₂₆) alkyl group, and a polyhydroxylated branched (C₁₂-C₂₆) alkyl group.

22. (New) A composition according to claim 19, wherein said R₁ is a tertbutyl group.

23. (New) A composition according to claim 19, wherein said R₂ is chosen from a tridecyl group, an isocetyl group, an isostearyl group, an octyldodecyl group, and an isoarachidyl group.

24. (New) A composition according to claim 14, wherein said at least one liquid ester is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 20% relative to the total weight of the composition.

25. (New) A composition according to claim 24, wherein said at least one liquid ester is present in an amount ranging from 0.2% to 10% relative to the total weight of the composition.

26. (New) A composition according to claim 14, further comprising at least one adjuvant chosen from cationic surfactants, anionic polymers, nonionic polymers, cationic polymers, amphoteric polymers, proteins, ceramides, pseudoceramides, silicones, plant oils, synthetic oils, hydroxy acids, vitamins, and panthenol.

27. (New) A composition according to claim 26, wherein said cationic polymers are chosen from quaternary cellulose ether derivatives,

diallyldimethylammonium salt homopolymers, copolymers of diallyldimethylammonium salt and of acrylamide, and cationic polysaccharides.

28. (New) A composition according to claim 26, wherein said at least one adjuvant is present in an amount ranging from 0.001% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, when said at least one adjuvant is chosen from said cationic polymers.

29. (New) A composition according to claim 28, wherein said at least one adjuvant is present in an amount ranging from 0.005% to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, when said at least one adjuvant is chosen from said cationic polymers.

30. (New) A composition according to claim 29, wherein said at least one adjuvant is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 3% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, when said at least one adjuvant is chosen from said cationic polymers.

31. (New) A composition according to claim 19, wherein said at least one liquid ester is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 20% relative to the total weight of the composition.

32. (New) A composition according to claim 31, wherein said at least one liquid ester is present in an amount ranging from 0.2% to 10% relative to the total weight of the composition.

33. (New) A composition according to claim 19, further comprising at least one adjuvant chosen from cationic surfactants, anionic polymers, nonionic polymers, cationic polymers, amphoteric polymers, proteins, ceramides, pseudoceramides, silicones, plant oils, synthetic oils, hydroxy acids, vitamins, and panthenol.

34. (New) A composition according to claim 33, wherein said cationic polymers are chosen from quaternary cellulose ether derivatives, diallyldimethylammonium salt homopolymers, copolymers of diallyldimethylammonium salt and of acrylamide, and cationic polysaccharides.

35. (New) A composition according to claim 33, wherein said at least one adjuvant is present in an amount ranging from 0.001% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, when said at least one adjuvant is chosen from said cationic polymers.

36. (New) A composition according to claim 35, wherein said at least one adjuvant is present in an amount ranging from 0.005% to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, when said at least one adjuvant is chosen from said cationic polymers.

37. (New) A composition according to claim 36, wherein said at least one adjuvant is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 3% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition, when said at least one adjuvant is chosen from said cationic polymers.